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What is claimed is:

1 1. A process of dual damascene or damascene, comprising

2 the steps of:

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providing an etching apparatus, a DCM(dry cleaning module)

4 machine and a wafer, the wafer having a metal line,

a stop layer, a dielectric layer, and a photoresist;

etching the dielectric layer in the etching apparatus to

form a via hole in the dielectric layer;

8 ashing the photoresist in the DCM machine with an

inductively coupled plasma; and

10 wet cleaning the wafer.

- 1 2. The process of claim 1, wherein the metal line
- 2 comprises copper.
- 1 3. The process of claim 1, wherein the dielectric layer
- 2 comprises low k material or fluorine-contained oxide.
- 1 4. The process of claim 1, wherein the ashing step uses
- 2 a reaction gas comprising O2, H2O, H2, NH3, N2, He, or Ar.
- 1 5. The process of claim 1, wherein the inductively coupled
- 2 plasma is generated by a dual-power tool which is disposed in
- 3 the DCM machine.
- 1 6. The process of claim 1, wherein the wet cleaning step
- 2 uses DHF or DI water as a cleaning solvent.
- 1 7. The process of claim 1, further comprising a step of
- 2 repairing the dielectric layer in the DCM machine.

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- 1 8. The process of claim 1, further comprising a step of
- 2 removing the stop layer in the DCM machine.
- 1 9. The process of claim 1, further comprising a step of
- 2 cleaning the metal line in the DCM machine.
- 1 10. A process of dual damascene or damascene, comprising
- 2 the steps of:
- 3 providing an etching apparatus, a DCM machine and a wafer,
- 4 the wafer having a metal line, a stop layer, a
- 5 dielectric layer, a contact, and a photoresist layer;
- 6 etching the dielectric layer and the contact in the etching
- 7 apparatus to form a trench;
- 8 ashing the photoresist and the contact with an inductively
- 9 coupled plasma in the DCM machine; and
- 10 wet cleaning the wafer.
 - 1 11. The process of claim 10, further comprising a step
 - 2 of removing the stop layer in the DCM machine.
- 1 12. The process of claim 11, wherein the removing step
- 2 uses a reaction gas comprising CxFy, CxFyHz, SF6, or NF3.
- 1 13. The process of claim 10, further comprising a step
- 2 of cleaning the metal line in the DCM machine.
- 1 14. The process of claim 13, wherein the cleaning step
- 2 uses a cleaning chemistry comprising O_2 or H_2 .
- 1 15. The process of claim 13, wherein the cleaning step
- 2 is performed at -10°C to 300°C.

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- 1 16. The process of claim 10, further comprising a step
- 2 of repairing the dielectric layer in the DCM machine.
- 1 17. The process of claim 16, wherein the repair step uses
- 2 H_2 as a repair chemistry.
- 1 18. The process of claim 16, wherein the repair step uses
- 2 halogen-silane as a repair chemistry.
- 1 19. The process of claim 10, wherein the metal line
- 2 comprises copper.
- 1 20. The process of claim 10, wherein the dielectric layer
- 2 comprises low k material or fluorine-contained oxide.
- 1 21. The process of claim 10, wherein the ashing step uses
- 2 a reaction gas comprising O2, H2O, H2, NH3, N2, He, or Ar.
- 1 22. The process of claim 10, wherein the inductively
- 2 coupled plasma is generated by a dual-power tool which is disposed
- 3 in the DCM machine.
- 1 23. The process of claim 10, wherein the wet cleaning step
- 2 uses DHF or DI water as a cleaning solvent.